



Gov. McCrory Appoints Nick Tennyson Secretary of Transportation



In early August, Governor Pat McCrory announced the appointment of Nick Tennyson as the new Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Tennyson previously served as Chief Deputy Secretary since March 2013, and succeeds Tony Tata.

"Nick Tennyson is the perfect choice to continue the momentum we have made in North Carolina's transportation strategy," said Governor McCrory. "He has been involved in planning all of our key transportation strategies over the last two and half years, and is equipped to hit the ground running to continue our progress."

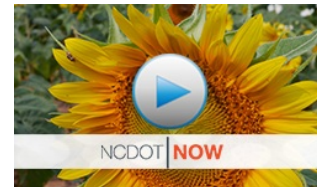
Secretary Tennyson and the NCDOT team will continue to focus on expanding and safely maintaining our transportation network through the Governor's 25 Year Vision, support new funding strategies including the bonds to Connect NC, strengthen our ports to make our state more globally competitive and deliver other infrastructure projects to help grow the state's economy and create jobs. [Learn More](#)

New Sanford Roundabouts Open to Traffic

Two, new roundabouts at the U.S. 1 interchange (Exit 71) in Sanford near the Northview Crossing Shopping Center opened for traffic earlier this summer.

After a series of frontal impact crashes at the intersection of U.S. 15/501 (Hawkins Avenue) at the northbound and southbound ramps and the intersection of U.S. 15/501 and Amos Bridges Road, it was noted these improvements were

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needed address the safety of the road for motorists.

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NCDOT had closed U.S. 15/501 for the construction, and Charleston Drive was also closed for 60 days during the work. [Read More](#)

Division 8 Board Member: Patrick Molamphy

Patrick Molamphy was appointed to join the North Carolina Board of Transportation in April 2015 to represent NCDOT Division 8, which includes Chatham, Randolph, Montgomery, Moore, Hoke, Richmond and Scotland counties.



Patrick Molamphy

He is the principal of Citadel Development Group, a developer of commercial and residential real estate based in Pinehurst.

Molamphy was raised as a child in Ireland and is a first generation American. He attended The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina in Charleston, SC on a full Navy ROTC scholarship, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

"I'm so proud to work with such an amazing group of NCDOT staff in Division eight," Molamphy said. "They do such important work for our state, and I am delighted at the opportunity I have to serve the people of my division."

What is a Gator Getter?



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Across the state, NCDOT crews are starting to use this tool along interstates and highways for maintenance programs.

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